Wyoming Department of Health, ARRA Impact -Communities Putting Prevention to Work: State Supplemental Funding

The CDC has made available \$125 million dollars for state to promoting wellness and preventing chronic disease through state-wide/local policy and evironmental change (Component I), as well as expanding tobacco cessation quitlines (Component III). These funds are to supplement programs that are already in place in the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) under the CDC Healthy Communities Cooperative Agreement and include the Wyoming Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, the Wyoming Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, the Wyoming BRFSS Program, and the Wyoming Healthy Communities Program.

Each state is eligible for the funding for Components I & III and these are the components that the WDH are interested in applying for at this time. Funding is determined on the size of the state and Wyoming is eligible for \$353,267 in Component I and \$442,973 in Component III. The funds are to be used over a two year time period and are ont-time only opportunities. Component II of the RFA is competative and WDH is not interested in applying for these funds at this time.

Activities for Component I include implementing state-wide policy and environmental change concerning obesity/physical activity/nutrition. This will be achieved through the use of MAPPS (Media, Access, Point of purchase, Price, Social support & services) interventions. Activities for Component III focus on expanding access and use of the Wyoming Tobacco Quitline. The nationwide goal for Component III is to help 80,000 tobacco users to quit.

The application for these funds must be submitted by November 24, 2009 and states will funding to be awarded sometime in January, 2010.